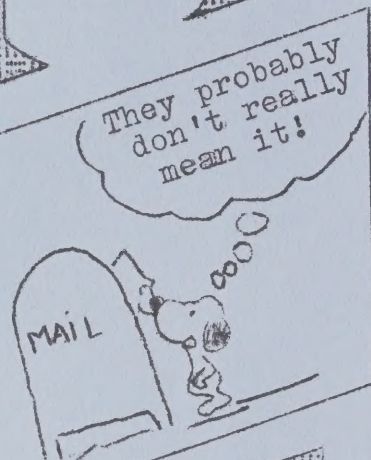
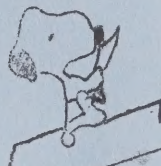


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THAT FAITH IN GOD GIVES MEANING AND PURPOSE TO HUMAN LIFE;

THAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN TRANSCENDS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF
NATIONS;

THAT ECONOMIC JUSTICE CAN BEST BE WON THROUGH FREE MEN,
THROUGH FREE ENTERPRISE;

THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OF LAWS RATHER THAN OF MEN;

THAT EARTH'S GREATEST TREASURE LIES IN HUMAN PERSONALITY
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by:Paul G. Yeates

"Psssst!" "Yeah you". "Ya interested in reading a darn good newsletter?" "Yeah man,I know,but believe me it doesn't cost a cent"."No,no;it's not underground, like you see in the movies,it's written by true to life guys like you and me". "I'll tell you now these guys really know their stuff and don't think for a moment that they are a bunch of(pardon the expression)Con artists just trying to pull one of those watergate things". "Here,have a look-see". "What'zat?" "Oh yeah, Jaycees". "Ya mean you didn't know there was Jaycees on the inside?" "Far out!...must be cuz of all that other stuff they put on the news,you know,...Energy crisis,over population,Nixon and the like". "Yeah,out of sight;out of mind". "Yeah right;it's a damn shame we fellows can't hear about the good things that are goin on stead of all the crap they lay on us these days". "Ya know,I been wondering how people like yourself there;are mislead to believe,all the guys like them that make this newsletter for you,are just plain bad!" "They're really not ya know". "Honest;why I bet if you was to maybe drop them a line telling em' what ya think about this newsletter,they would surely preciate yer'e doin so". "Maybe they'd even print somethin for ya" "Huh,what'zat?" "You say your a Jaycee member too?" "Jeez,that's just what these guys inside would like ta hear". "What'zat,you like this thing?" "The Echo;thats right!" "Yeah,see ya later". "Uh,before ya go,ya couldn't spare a dime could ya?" "You know,the energy crisis and all.....!"

DORCHESTER JAYCEES

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON JAYCEE INVOLMENT IN PENITENTIARIES.

1- When did the Canada Jaycees first become involved in penitentiaries?

In 1965 the Canada Jaycees became involved with a Penitentiary Jaycee Unit at B.C. Pen in New-Wisminster. This Unit is know as the Bridgeview Jaycees.

2- What is the extend of a Jaycee Unit involvment in Penitentiaries at present?

At present, there are Penal Units in B.C. Penitentiary, (Bridgeview), Dorchester Penitentiary, Masqui and also Springhill. The latter started in 1973 and was chartered recently.

3- How does a Penal Unit function?

A Penal unit function in a manner not too different from a free world Jaycee Unit except that the mambers of the said Unit are by/and large all inmates in the Penitentiary. There are obious limitations on Ways & Means Programs, in the relations with other Units being as they are seldom given chance to visit other Units and numerous limitations on the type of programs they can operate. Yet, those Units operate many of the programs basic to any other Jaycee Units. Leadership Training, Effective Speaking, plus several Community Development projects, within the limitations of archaic rules & regulations of Penitentiaries.

4- Are the Penitentiary Units full Units within the Canada Jaycees?

All penal Units but Dorchester are full charter at the present time. Dorchester will likely be full charter within a few months.

All penal Units, when full charter is granted, are members of CANADA JAYCEES and possess full voting rights.

5- Are Jaycees from other countries involved within Penitentiaries?

There are over 200 Jaycee Units in Penitentiaries in the Americain States and the Penitentiary movement is also very active in Australia. Jaycees in the Americain States do much more than just form Jaycee Units and let them vegetate, they operate with ex-convicts and parolees on the street through employment, friendship programs and many others.

6- What type of Leadership Training Programs or courses are offered by Penal Jaycee Units?

Penal Jaycee Units offer the same type of training courses as the outside Units. The most popular of those are;

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Leadership in Action and Effective Speaking. These programs are extremely beneficial for the inmates who lack self-confidence, direction and have shown appealing positive changes upon completion of such courses.

7- What type of community development programs do Penitentiaries Jaycee Units run?

Penitentiaries Units run community development programs for their own community which is usually the prison community but it is frequent to see them involved in projects beneficial to the communities in the neighbourhood of the Institution.

Youth Speak, Speakers Bureau, Toys for Tots, letter writing are in the broad scope of Penal Units programs.

8- What type of involment from the outside is needed by Penal Jaycee Units?

It is usually necessary that one or two interested Jaycees from the outside act as liaison and vice-versa. This to meet two necessities;

1- keep in touch with the outside and keep informed of what is taking place in the Jaycee world.

2- have some outside influence to help dealing with the administration of Penitentiaries when the Penal Units run into difficulties.

We may also add that outside involment is a must if Penal Units are to be informed on new policies, aims and goals set by Canada Jaycees.

Reprint from:
Jaycees Inside

Would you like to become a JAYCEE member in you community? If so, then, we welcome you to contact anyone within your community (DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY) and fell assured that members of the local Unit will be most happy to invite you to attend anyone of our Jaycee meetings.

JAYCEES ARE FOR YOU. ARE YOU FOR JAYCEES?

!!!!!!! INFORMATION ON JAYCEES !!!!!!!

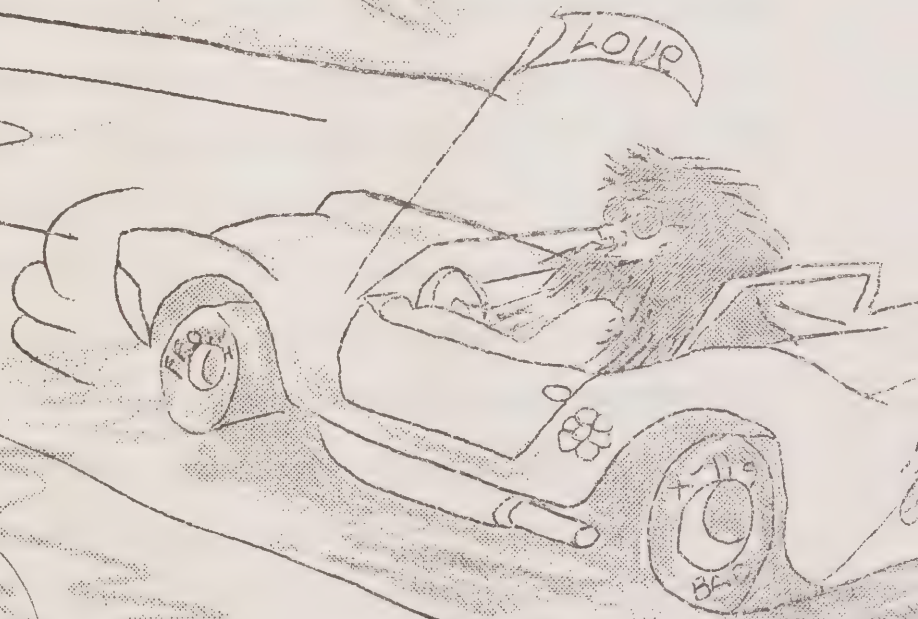
1. What is Jaycees? - JAYCEES IS AN ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG MEN, interested in individual developement and in community developement and in using one to help with the other and vise versa.
2. What is meant by individual developement? - This is the developement of an individual and the abilities of the individual including such things as self-motovation, self-confidence, speaking ability, ability to communicate, ability to organize, lead, etc.
3. What is meant by community developement? - Those activities in the community designed to make the community a better place in which to live. In the case of a Unit in a Penitentiary such as Dorchester, the community here is for the most part the Penitentiary itself, although some of the activities can involve surrounding community involvement.
4. Who can join Jaycees? - Any young person between the age of 18 and 40.
5. How large an organization is Jaycees? - In Canada there are over 7,000 active Jaycees throughout all ten provinces. There are over 400,000 Jaycees throughout all the major countries of the free world. Jaycees is truly an international organization.
6. Are there many Jaycee Units established in Penal institutions? - There are over 250 Jaycee Units in Penal institutions in the United States. In Canada there are four such Jaycee Units established, namely, at Dorchester and Springhill Penitentiaries in the Atlantic provinces and at B.C. Penitentiary and Matsqui Penitentiary in British Columbia. A unit is being formed at the present time at Warkworth Penitentiary and extension teams centre in Montreal, Collinsville institution and Joyceville Penitentiary in Kingston.
7. Please elaborate further on individual developement courses which the Jaycees offer. - Perhaps the best of these is a course known as LEADERSHIP IN ACTION, which is a six session course in self-motovation in goal setting. This course entails group participation techniques which most people find very interesting and helpful. A second course is INEFFECTIVE SPEAKING; in which the individual get a chance to learn how to stand up in front of groups and speak and to express himself with some degree of comfort. Other personal growth courses in Jaycees include meeting procedures, parliamentary procedure, committee management and many others.

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8. What type of programs do Jaycees usually carry out under community development? - Community development programs are intended to service the community and in the case of a prison institution, the immediate community is the prison environment itself. Some programs which have served the immediate community are letter writing courses for illiterate inmates, putting on a variety show for the inmate population, picture taking programs where inmates are able to get personal pictures to distribute to their families and friend and many others. Other programs which service not only the prison community but the outside community are crime prevention programs such as ACCENT ON YOUTH at the Springhill institution and YOUTH SPEAK programs operated by Dorchester Jaycees, Borderview and Bridgeview Jaycees. In these programs speakers are sent out to schools, youth groups and other groups to give them an idea of what prison life is like, and particularly to provide some insight into how people end up on the wrong track and how they can stay out of prison.
9. Why are Jaycee Units in prison? - The reason that there are Jaycee units in prison is because the Jaycee organization believes that the opportunity with Jaycees provides for personal growth and development of leadership abilities is very substantial and unique. Many young men have gotten a great deal out of Jaycees on the street and we feel that this same opportunity can and has provided a great deal of personal growth for men in prisons who are sincerely interested in bettering themselves.

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Penal Liaison

SPEED
ZONE



AGGRESSION

Somewhere in the past I read that often when a human kills another the stress is such that it is a choice between his own life and the victim's. That murder is, somehow an action for survival. That anxieties and pessimism is such that only an attack against life offers releif. That the choice is limited to suicide and homicide.

If any credit is to be given to such theory, nobody should be surprised to hear and read of tension and aggression behind the walls of a maximum frustration Institution.

When humans who are free to run away from problems and have countless means to solve the said problems, resort to murder or suicide, it should surprise no one that those who are deprived of any hopes and are limited in their functions as humans become aggressive and that violence is all they have to breath most of the time.

One has to experience the horrible feeling which penetrates a man's heart when he is told by mail that his wife or girl friend is running wild and that his children are heading for an institution. And there is nothing he can do about it. Does anyone know what enters a man's mind when in the middle of nowhere he curse his past and dread the uncertain future; years out of his reach. A future so far away that no dream or plans can logically be attached to it?

Can anyone really blame a man for breaking down and becoming the feelingless being he is forced to be by tons of steel bars and rules which forbid him to take ANY

positive control on his life.

I doubt that many of the readers have ever been so desperate that the only way out is death and this without the hope of a decent burial. All is alien and foreboding; the horizon is obstructed by high walls and the indifference of all powerful masters imposed by a law machine.

It is illogical that the free world expects inmates to endure stress, tension, frustration and a painful realism better than those who are in a far better position to do so.

There is violence behind Penitentiaries walls and it will exist as long as Society will allow the system to create and perpetuate it by keeping men away from basic needs and aspirations.

Tax-payers buy that violence when they let money be spent on countless riffles and shootguns instead of using a larger portion of tax-money to keep the inmates busy building their future and to give them a fair chance to keep their family together.

Free World! You despise violence so say mass medias, will you be so blind or indifferent to keep paying for it and let your money be used to purchase suicides, insanity, despair, aggression and homicides?

J.M.L.

PAROLE BOARD.

Since a couple of days the main subject of conversation in Dorchester is the presence of a Parole Board.

Each and everyone of us speculate on the number of inmates who will have a positive reaction to their request for parole. Some say that many will get it because all federal prisons are overcrowded; others are saying that most will be turned down simply because Dorchester is a maximum security cage.

It seems that the latter are right because an inmate was told by the board that very few paroles are granted to those who apply from maximum security prisons.

If such is the attitude of the board, why bother to come in here in the first place? Such a way of thinking is very unjust towards those applying for a parole since the simple fact of being here is against them.

More so if the reader keep in mind that out of four hundred men in here, only about thirty of them are considered as maximum security inmates and the rest should be in medium or minimum security institutions if more of those were in existence.

For fear of public opinion, National Parole Board, at priori, refuses parole to applicants from maximum Pens, even though most of those applying would obtain a parole if they were in a medium institution. I realize that there are not enough of those institutions to meet the needs and that nothing can be done in a near future, but the Parole should revise its policy and cease building its P.R. at the expense of rehabilitated inmates.

J.M.L.

I HATE IT ALL

When I first came here,
I was given grey pants,
A striped shirt, cell equipment
A number and a cage!

Everybody was a stranger to me,
But gradually I got involved against my will,
Under the taxpayers money and this is what I learned.

I had no choice.

I was taught to hate the guards
I was taught to hate the administration
I was taught to hate a rapist
I was taught to hate a stollie
I was taught to hate society
I was taught never to trust anybody
I was taught to use drugs
I was taught how to kill
I was taught how to commit a good crime
I was taught to be a good B & E artists
I was taught how to pull a good armed robbery
I was taught how to be a good safe-cracker
I was taught how to be a good thief
I was forced to live in a society I hate.

Brother, I'm living in a world and living in a dream
which I hate. Be careful, it can happen to you.
I was put in this legal crime-school under the tax-
payer's money, by the judge.

I HATE IT ALL!

(This poem was written on December 20, 1972 in the
Saskatchewan Penitentiary. Eddie Bazie hung himself
on December, 26th)

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***** MEN IN WAREHOUSES *****

If the personal conduct of those who govern is JUST and IRREPROACHABLE, their commands although unexpressed, will be observed. If their personal conduct is JUST and REPROACHABLE their commands although expressed, may not be obeyed. Should good men govern a state for a century without interruption they could have (even) the worst criminals reformed and the death penalties abolished.

These words of wisdom were written by a man who existed between the years (551-479 B.C.). Now then if this man were this wise then what has happened to our supposed highly developed and progressive age? Has education made men stupid or just corrupt?

It strikes me as odd and in fact terrible, that 2,525 years since this statement was written that society still stores in warehouses men who have a high degree of intelligence, skill and talent. Where their minds, hearts and stomach are emptied; their ambitions are weakened, toughening their sinews and always striving to make them knowledgeless and desireless.

Yes society has placed men in warehouses; caused them to become demoralized; called them names and a host of other things. What are we to do? We grin and bear it; we through group participation within our warehouses become stronger with filled minds, hearts and strengthened ambitions.

In return for societys put-downs we do our best to help the POOR and less-fortunate whenever possible; even when society itself lacks the concern to do so!

submitted for
print by:
BLAIR DEBAIE
FROM A WAREHOUSE.

))))))))) A REPORT ON YOUTH SPEAK ((((((((((

JUNE, 13, 1974

The last few weeks have seen a decrease in the engagements of the Youth Speak group; this due to the near end of the school year and the preparation for final exams in all schools.

However, we are presently corresponding with different organizations and clubs in the hopes that we will secure speaking engagements in summer camps, private clubs and other organizations which could see the benefit from our speaker's presentations.

The different positions in the Youth Speak executive have recently been shuffled with the following results: Wayne Comeau who was our chairman stepped down and was replaced by the past secretary, Bob Haddock. David Towler filled in as secretary and we are very fortunate to have him in this position as Dave is well versed in the Youth Speak program being it's founder back in 1972. Dave brought this program from B.C. Pen. where it has been in operation since several years.

Wednesday, June, 12th, Bob Haddock was at the Tantramar High School where he spoke on drug addiction and crime. Having been a drug addict for twenty-four years, he was well qualified to treat such a topic.

We feel secure that we will have more summer engagements and this in a very near future. Besides plans for speaking engagements, we also project to have a Radio Talk Show, in either Amherst or Moncton. This project has the dual purpose of sensibilizing the public and to put the Youth Speak group in an ideal position to obtain more speaking engagements during the summer months. Echoing our thoughts and messages on radio waves will certainly allow us to reach more people than we can hope to reach by writing letters.

Youth Speak activities will increase in a very near future; we are confident in that.

Yours,

Bob Haddock
chairman, Youth Speak

Stay in school



June, 4th, 1974

RE: INCARCERATION - The Social Paradox

Dear Sirs:

The title sounds very impressive and to most people it would only imprint a vague or mystical impression of some sort in their minds. It is my intention to erase the vagueness from your minds and put a definite impression there.

I am sending this material to the Canadian Penitentiary Service, the National Parole Service, The Solicitor General's Dept., Members of Parliament, Senators, Schools of Criminology and Sociology and to the interested social groups on the street. By the term "On the Street" I mean people outside of the walls of a jail or a penitentiary. "I'm not!" "I'm inside." Inside the title and paradox, I'm incarcerated at Dorchester Penitentiary. It is my hope that the variety of people reading the following, will REALLY READ it and THINK about it and not just glance at the type-written words. If you people think that I am wrong, then I hope that I receive the type of response necessary to correct my opinions and attitudes. To qualify my opinions; I have gained these from nine years of "DIRECT" observation and not by just touring a few jails or penitentiaries for a short time. But if any of you people feel my theory has validity, then I would like to hear about this also and your thoughts.

At some point in time in the past, all of us in here have come before the judges of our society and have been convicted of an offence and become criminals. It was decreed by these judges that we must be incarcerated, and by this incarceration our relationships in life are severed. I will carefully agree that in some cases, incarceration may be the only solution, but is it really necessary to extend that the Canadian Courts and people are taking it too. No, it is not. Incarceration in Canada today is being poorly used. The psychology seems lately to be "THROW THEM IN JAIL" and that will solve the problem. "OUT OF SIGHT; OUT OF MIND".

According to sociologists, "Relationships with other people are essential and their loss may be traumatic"; and I agree whole-heartedly with this! Why do people require relationships with one-another? What needs are being expressed?

In trying to find answers to these questions, people have generally taken two lines of argument. One associated with some schools of sociology, as being to assert that relationships provides the individual with his understanding of reality; his moral values, his goals even his sense of self. Relationships are important because through them society organizes the individuals THINKING and ACTING.

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The second view, associated more with psychology than sociology, has been that the people have a number of needs or requirements which only relationships can satisfy and that without appropriate relationships, the individual will suffer, these needs are intrinsic to the individual and are not formed by the society in which he lives. They may include need for recognition, for affection, for power, for prestige, for belonging and many more.

Incarceration over a long period of time can only do one thing - DAMAGE THE INDIVIDUAL! If you think long-term imprisonment is the deterrence or answer to stopping criminal behaviour, then you are only fooling yourself and are wasting your time, mens lives and vast amounts of the taxpayers money. Money that could be beneficial instead of being a waste. A waste to you people and a waste to us, here inside.

The whole point that I want to make to you people is this: Incarceration over a long period brings about a PRECONDITIONED CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR UPON RELEASE. Preconditioning is a term of our decade, so let's look at it's meaning for a second. The American Society has had problems with Vietnam war-veterans returning to their society who are not fitting back into their society because they have been PRECONDITIONED to kill and destroy in war. Some cannot reverse this conditioning. The Canadian Prison System as it is run now, takes the individual, (no matter what charge or emotional reason that put him in prison) severs his relationships in life and effects of prison life preconditions him for criminal behaviour for his eventual release. This is the reason for the high recidivism (return rate) among federal prisoners.

I cannot give the exact amount, but the budget last year for the Canadian Penitentiary Service was in the range of some \$77,000,000; a shocking amount is it not? Yet this costly Prison System is a Social Paradox. By this I mean the system is creating something (preconditioning) that they are trying to stop - CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR. Long-term incarceration is therefore not the answer, so let's take another look at the system.

Once again, I hope this material will make some of you think, and that I will receive some response from you people out there.

by LARRY HARVEY #1867
DORCHESTER PEN.
DORCHESTER, N.B.

TAKE ME IN YOUR ARMS

So now little man you've grown tired of grass,
L. S. D., acid, cocaine, and hash.
And someone pretending to be a true friend
Said; " I'll introduce you to Miss Heroin."

Well honey, before you start fooling with me,
Just let me tell you how it will be.
For I will seduce you and make you my slave
I've sent men much stronger than you to their grave.

You think you could never become a disgrace
And end up addicted to poppy seed waste,
So you'll start inhaling me one afternoon;
You'll take me in your arms very soon.

And once I have entered deep down in your veins,
The craving will nearly drive you insane.
You'll need lots of money, (as you have been told.)
For, darling, I'm much more expensive than gold.

You'll swindle your mother and, just for a buck,
You'll turn into something vile and corrupt.
You'll mug and you'll steal for my narcotic charm,
And feel contentment when I'm in your arms.

The day when you realize the monster you've grown,
You'll solemnly promise to leave me alone.
If you think that you got the mystical knack
Then, swettie, you just try getting me off your back!

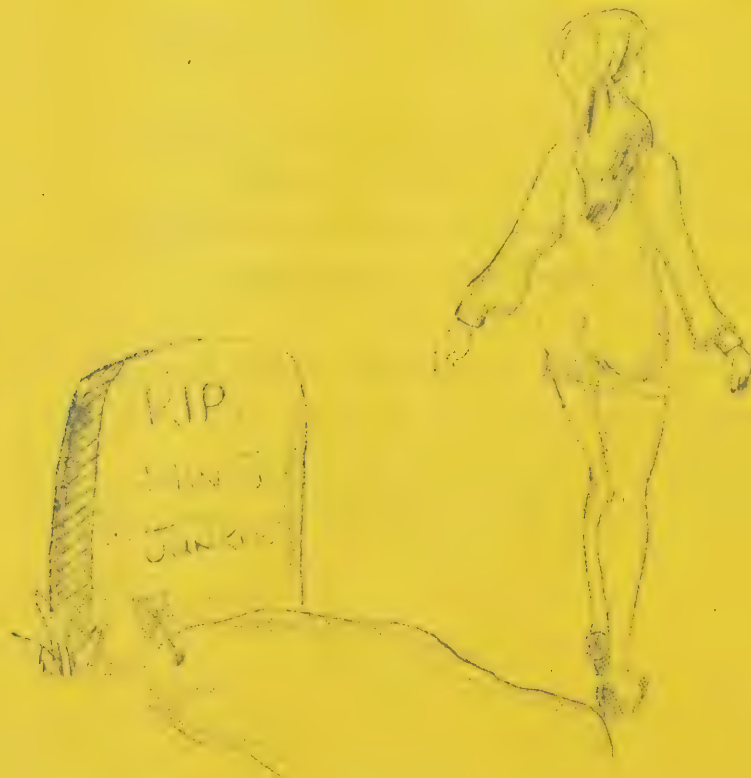
The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in a knot,
The jangling nerves screaming for just one more shot.
The hot chills, the cold sweat, the withdrawal pains
Can only be saved by my little white grains.

There`s no other way, and there`s no need to look;
For deep down inside, you will know you`re hooked.
You`ll desperately run to the pusher and then,
You`ll welcome me back in your arms once again.

And when you return ; (just as I foretold.)
I know that you`ll give me your body and soul.
You`ll give me your moral, your conscience, your heart,
And you will be mine until DEATH DO US PART.

Submitted for print
BY

LES CHIASSON



" FEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! "

Today I dreamt and questioned myself about a lot of things.
I walked as one always walks in here; a short distance;
back and forth, as I do every day.

I felt the fear; the fear that prevails in here as it prevails no place else!

Fear puts me in bed at night and cover me with nightmares.
Fear drags me from sleep in the morning and chases me to work, fearing that the powers controlling my life in here will keep me in "HELL" longer.

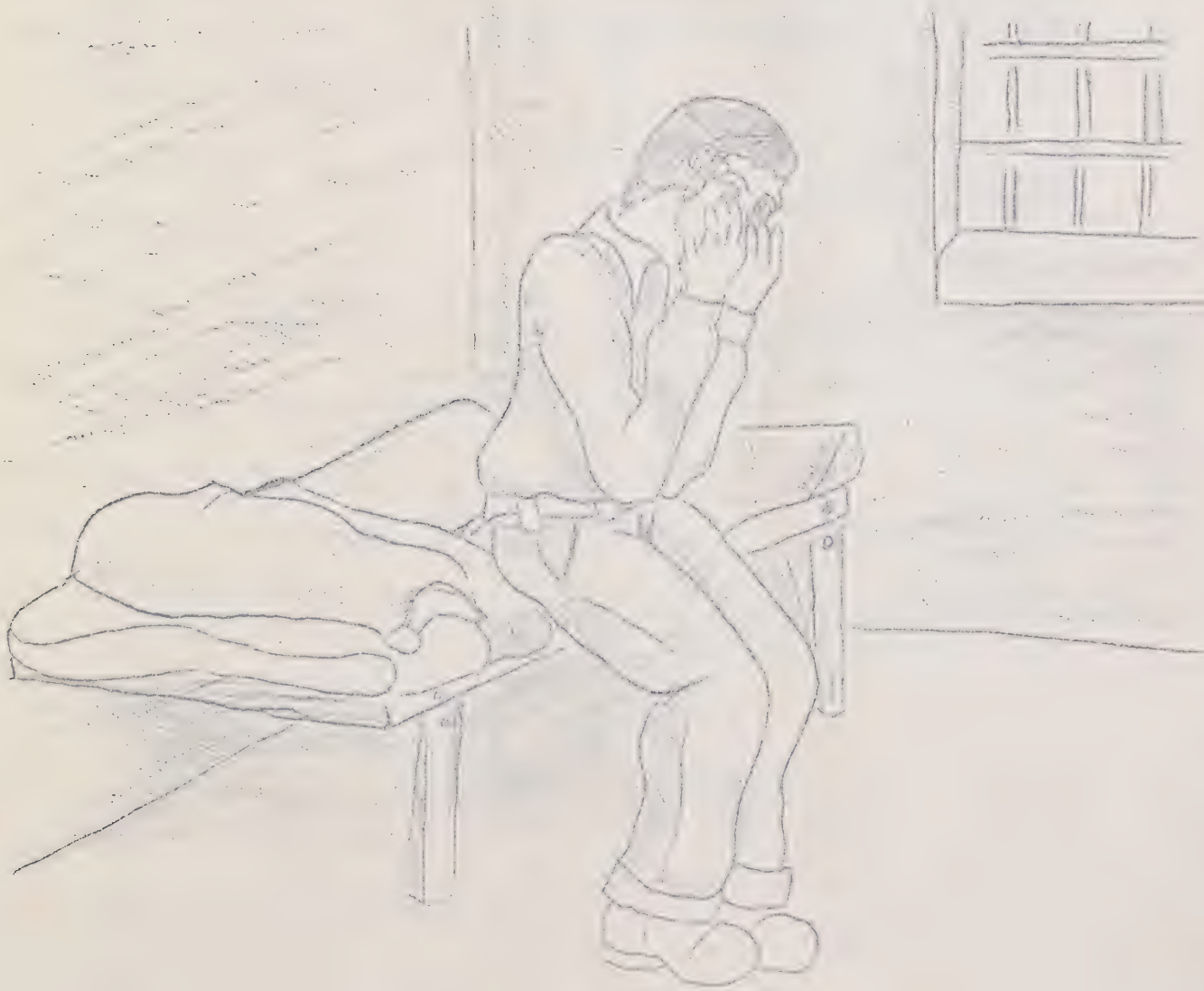
Fear and hate become so strong, that it is necessary for a mental war to rage within my head in order to separate them for identification.

Fear that my family and friends have finally given up on me.
If the mail doesn't bring regular messages of love, encouragement and; Hope

Fear of being buried deeper in this concrete and steel walled society makes me fight to keep my sanity and to stay alive.

Bob Ross

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AWARDS
PRISON ARTS "74"

JUNE 18, 1974

EDITOR, THE ECHO
DORCHESTER PENITENTIARY,
DRAWER "A" ,
DORCHESTER, NEW BRUNSWICK.

DEAR SIR:

ENCLOSED IS A LIST OF WINNERS IN THE PRISON ARTS 74. WE
WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR PUBLISHING THIS LIST IN
YOUR NEWSPAPER, AND CONVEYING TO ALL ENTRANTS FOR ALL
ENTRIES OUR MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THEIR REPORTS
ON BEHALF OF THE PRISON ARTS PROJECT.

AS SOON AS THE TOUR AGENDA HAS BEEN PRINTED WE WILL FOR-
WARD YOU A COPY SO THAT YOUR READERS MAY KNOW WHEN THE
SHOW IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING.

BEST REGARDS.

Mrs. D.F.Knechtel
Executive Director
Prison Arts Foundation



AWARDS

PRISON ARTS '74

Awards totaling \$3,890.00 were made to inmate artists, writers and craftsmen, by judges of Prison Arts '74, a national arts project established to encourage creative activity in the prisons, and to provide educational and rehabilitative opportunities.

The top prizes were two \$1,000.00 scholarships provided by the Chubb Industries Limited and the Audrey S. Hellyer Charitable Foundation. The first was won by Edward J. Kubara, Stony Mountain Institution, Manitoba, for his collection of oil paintings. The second was divided between two writers of equal standing: Les Grant, Lower Mainland Correctional Center, Burnaby, B.C., for prose and Albert Simpson, Regional Reception Center, Ste Anne sed Plaines, Quebec, for poetry.

Arts, crafts and creative writing entries numbered 315. Other winners selected were:

ARTS

Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services - Robin Bouvette, Rideau Correctional Center - \$100.00 for his oil painting entitled "TWO TOWERS".

Hallmark Cards Awards for Painting

First Prize -- Michel Pellus, Leclerc Institution - \$250.00 - "THE GARDEN".

Second prize -- Eric Lifton, now released - \$150.00 - photograph, "SNOW".

Third prize -- Max Palmerton, Burtch Correctional Center, \$100.00 - "MEXICAN VILLAGE".

John Howard Society of Canada Award

Louis Art Levesque, Leclerc Institution - \$100.00 - painting - "TRANSITION".

Warner-Lambert of Canada Limited - Gerry Clement, Stony Mountain Institution, Stony Mountain, Manitoba, - \$100.00 - a collection of sketches.

Xerox of Canada Limited -

Roger Williams, Brandon Correctional Institution - \$50.00 a sketch entitled, "THE BEGINNING ? THE END !"

Guy D'Aoust, Landry Crossing Correctional Camp - \$50.00 - Tibetan Buddhist Art.

Prison Arts Foundation

Michel Pellus, Leclerc Institution - \$50.00 for all his paintings

Canada

Canadian Penitentiary Service

Skee, B.C. Penitentiary, New Westminster, B.C. - \$250.00 - for soapstone chess set.

St. Leonards Society of Canada

William Jarvis, Collins bay Institution - \$25.00 - "THE MEET", a geometrical string design.

Joe Chaloupka, Warworth Institution - \$25.00 - carved chess set.

Tandy Leather Company of Canada Limited

Donell, Leclerc Institution, Quebec, \$50.00 - for all leather work.

Warner-Lambert Canada Limited

Patrick Sullivan, New Westminster, B.C. - \$50.00 - slatestone sculpture, "MARY & JOSEPH".

E.G. Moulton, Joyceville Institution - \$50.00 - petitpoint, "PERSIAN GARDEN".

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Towatogak, Yellowknife Correctional Center, \$100.00 - Soapstone loon.

Prison Arts Foundation

Sludge Jo Puddleduck, Workworth Institution - \$50.00* for various entries.

WRITING

Prison Arts Foundation- Prose - \$10.00 each

Robert Eby, Dorchester Penitentiary

Harold Mercer, now released

Robin Bouvette, Rideau Correctional Center

D.F. McDonald, Joyceville Institution

Roger Laporte, Archambault Institution

Ron Emkeit, Saskatchewan Penitentiary, \$50.00 - two plays

Pilot Club of Brantford - Poetry - \$10.00 each

Lawrence Commodore, Stave Lake Camp, Burnaby, B.C.

David Dunham, Slave Lake Camp, Burnaby, B.C.

Edmund Watts, Masqui Institution

Gerry Clement, Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

James A. Johnson, Warkworth Institution.

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S. Allan Mann, now released, - \$100.00 - a play.

Elizabeth Fry Society of Canada.

Etienne Boisjoli - \$90.00.

MUSIC

Prison Arts Foundation

Johnny Crosby, Leclerc Institution for his musical composition, "Il fait Bon de te Revoir Cherie" - \$25.00

Awards offered by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs were deferred, because of a lack of suitable entries from status Indians. A special competition for fine art by Indian inmates will be announced by Prison Arts later this year, and the awards of \$50.00, \$300.00 and \$200.00 will be offered again. Judges included artists Harold Town, Toronto, Guy Montpetit, Montreal, and Walter Yardwood, Toronto, and writers, Francis Spardhott, League of Canadian Poets, Peter Low, Playwrights Cooperative, and Alma Lee, Canadian Writers Union, Toronto.

The Prison Arts Foundation is a national charitable organization with offices at 143 Fifth Avenue, Brantford, Ontario.

THE NEW PRIEST

A new priest, at his first mass, was so scared he couldn't speak. He asked the Monsignor how he had done. The Monsignor said "Fine, but next week it might help if you put a little Vodka or Gin in your water to relax you." The next week, the priest put Vodka in his water and he really kicked up a storm! After mass again he asked the Monsignor how he had done. The Monsignor said, "fine, but there are some things that you should get straight:

There are 10 Commandments, not 12.

There are 12 disciples, not 10.

David slew Goliath, he didn't kick
the shit out of him.

We do not refer to Jesus Christ as
the "Late J.C.".

And next Sunday there is a Taffy Pullin Contest
at St. Peter's, not a Peter Pulling Contest
at St. Taffy's.

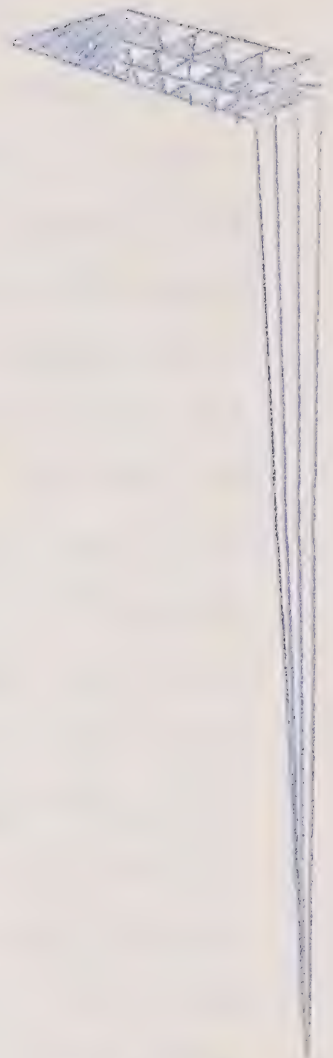
The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost
are not referred to as Big Daddy, Junior
and Spook".

Amen !



METH " A " DREAM

It seems to satisfy a need
Many turn to using speed,
There minds get lost in strange psychosis
By daily use of overdoses.
Today's exquisite pleasure
May be tomorrow's deadly measure.
If you seek the thing that will destroy ya,
Try some speedy paranoia
If you want to make the scene
Then, try a gram of methedrine.
Needles hanging from your arms
May just look like bracelet charms,
Rubber veins you cannot find
All because you blew your mind,
And where my friend, to find the bread
To pay the piper for your head?
Take heed of this, for if you steal
Your next may be a prison meal.



Submitted by:

IRIS and GERRY



To Anyone interesred.

I would like to write this article, not out of sefl-pity, but to let people know of causes for me being in this Penitentiary.

I guest it starts out like this; I never had the life a lot of people are so lucky to have. My father is the kind of man that would sell his children for a bottle of wine. He nevr knew what love meant and if he knew, he sure kept the fact well hidden from his family.

For example; the minute financial problems araise, he would leave for a variable period of time then come back with half of the family in foster homes. I guess since I never knew what love really was, I cound'nt make it out there with society.

I am beginning to see my problems now. I hated the world, I hated life and everything that went with it.

Another thing that I had in my life was a great fear. I don't know if my father has a sadistic mind but every chance he'd get he would beat his kids and his wife. My Mom..

I am still young and now that I am starting to realize what I need in life, I believe that when I get out of here things will be different. I only hope that people in society will give me a fair chance instead of mocking me for being in this penitentiary.

Everyone in this place has some kind of problem. Maybe with a little help from all you fellow human beings, we can make it after we get out.

Billy Laviolette.

Unedited.

JULY REPORT
Community Development

Hi COMMUNITY,

Thanks to all those who voted or did not vote for me in the race for directorship.

It is that time of the month to submit an activity report for the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

It is only recently that I took over this directorship and I believe myself very fortunate to have five very capable men to work with me and filling positions such as chairman, coordinators of projects to be launched in a near future.

Solidly established and functioning very well are Family Visits, Youth-Speak and Encounter.

The chairmanship of Family Visit was recently taken by Don Leil and he should'nt encounter any real difficulties as he is very capable and and has done a fine job in previous committees under the directorship of Blair DeBaie, the actual director of Ways & Means.

Don has eight men working with him, the upcoming Family Visit should help him considerably and test his mettle as chairman of a very beneficial project, Best of Luck Don!

The Youth Speak program is under the combined care of Bob Haddock and Ron Dempsey. This program has proven itself to be most positive in the response it obtained from the different communities where the action took place. We need outside support to keep going on with this A-1-program. Recent policy from the administration concerning temporary leaves seriously thwarted the aims of this group and endangers the very existence of this program. I believe this program to be far too important to let it be phased out because some very negative publicity related to an isolated and very unfortunate incident.

The men going out to speak to your children are concerned for the kids and willingly retrace long episode of their life in order to equip the kids with the necessary informations which will give them a fighting chance against drugs and other ennemies created by contemporary society. To all parents reading this, we ask to write to the Director of the Dorchester Penitentiary and request that he collaborates fully to the existence of such worthy program. I also urge school teachers, guidance counsellors and mo nitors to support us in the said manner. All the outside Jaycees Units who heard of the Youth Speak program could and should assit us in a similar way. THIS IS A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY! All responsible JAYCEES should help us to maintain it.

ENCOUNTER is another very worthy project and it is open to the outside world. It gives the citizens who so desire, a chance to meet us and obtain direct informations on carceral life instead of the distortions or half-truths

JULY REPORT

from

External Vice-President.

It seem that the DORCHESTER JAYCEES are in constant motion, and this applys to almost everything one may think of.

In the past two months we were faced with two elections and such events forced us to question old policies and to draw new ones for the new year.

It is unfortunate that the lack of correspondance and information forwarded to the National Headquarter by the previous executive prevented our Unit to harvest the National Awards that many of our succesful projects would have brought us.

We discussed throurouly all aspect of P.R. and the benefit to be taken from proper filing and album system. This is only one of the many things that will see improvement in the months to come.

In a previous issue of our monthly Newsletter, we stated that the Dorchester Jaycees will prove to be an outstanding Unit and this will be soon converted into a fact.

Being a penal Unit accumulate for us a multitude of difficulties which are not encountered by outside Units but despite this we are still in the race and doing quite well yet.

Our main objective for the next year is to provide maximum training opportunities for all our members and to decuplate our contacts with other Units across the Maritimes.

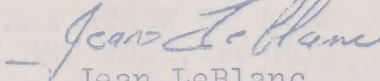
Both of the afore mentioned objectives are a must and on this matter we urge the Jaycees reading our Newsletter to contact us and to respond positively to the invitations they will recieve from the Dorchester Jaycees.

A visit to our Unit will be self-explanatory and will tell you all you wish to know about a penal Unit and its members. Do not hesitate fellow Jaycees, attending one of our meetings will be an experience in itself and a very positive one at that.

As member of the executive of the Dorchester Jaycees, my duties are various and will be met with dedication.

So, if your mail box is jammed with letters from the Dorchester Jaycees, don't panic. It will likely be yours truly inviting you to meet with us or seeking information required for our projects.

Yours in JAYCEES


Jean LeBlanc

Ext., V.P.
Dorchester Jaycees.

" THE PRISONER "

Slowly the feeling surges throughout me as I gaze down upon the objects three stories below. All throughout my being, ever increasing is a feeling of great despair, momentarily causing me to silently cry out; to plead for someone or something to help me find relief from whatever has taken hold of me. I cannot think of but one thing; "RELIEF"! Relief from the agony of living with this feeling of.....of "HATE". I pause as I repeat it;.....hate. What does this mean? Am I alone with this feeling, I wonder? Is it that I wish to rid myself of all that surrounds me? All that which causes me this feeling? Things like the walls; the guns; the slots in which they file others who are as I. "PRISONERS". And what about those who are part of me. My friends; my parents; and what about the those whom wish to help me from this agony? Wait, now I am able to think of something other than this thing called hate. Yes, I feel it now as I look up into the blue sky. I look and I can see the clouds that form in front of my eyes. Yes, and look there just below the blue and the clouds is the horizon with the mountains and trees and the water extending upward to meet the blue and the clouds. I see all this now; and yes, I can feel it also, What is this feeling? I know: it is life! I am alive and I know all this beauty of the sky, the clouds, the trees, the mountains and the water. They are also part of me. I see them all; I feel them. I like this feeling now. Slowly it surges throughout me. "Wait, those objects below me. Yes, I see them clearly now; there is the wall, and over there, I see it. The gun. He is holding it by his side; as if it were so precious that if it were taken away from him, he would suddenly shrivel up and fade into the cold looking steel of the bars that protect him from that which he sees. Yes, he sees me.....the prisoner!

P.G. YEATES

" A DEFINITION OF FRIENDSHIP "

"FRIENDSHIP IS THE COMFORT, THE INEXPRESSIBLE COMFORT OF FEELING SAFE WITH A PERSON HAVING NEITHER WEIGH THOUGHTS NOR MEASURE WORDS, BUT POURING ALL RIGHT OUT JUST AS THEY ARE, CHAFF AND GRAIN TOGETHER, CERTAIN THAT A FAITHFUL FRIENDLY HAND WILL TAKE AND SIFT THEM, KEEP WHAT IS WORTH KEEPING AND WITH A BREATH OF COMFORT, BLOW THE REST AWAY."

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Dear God Why

I awakened with the sound of crying coming from my little daughter's room. I peeked in and saw her praying. These dear words I heard her say:

Dear God, have you my daddy?
mommy say's you took him away

I'm a war somewhere in Vietnam and
my heart's all broke today. Dear God
if you see my daddy will you
kiss him, please, for me. Tell him
that his little darlin' hopes that
he'll remember me.

With that she slowly closed
her eyes and was soon fast asleep
and I kneeling at her side

Could only answer:

Dear God Why

by WAYNE D. FRY

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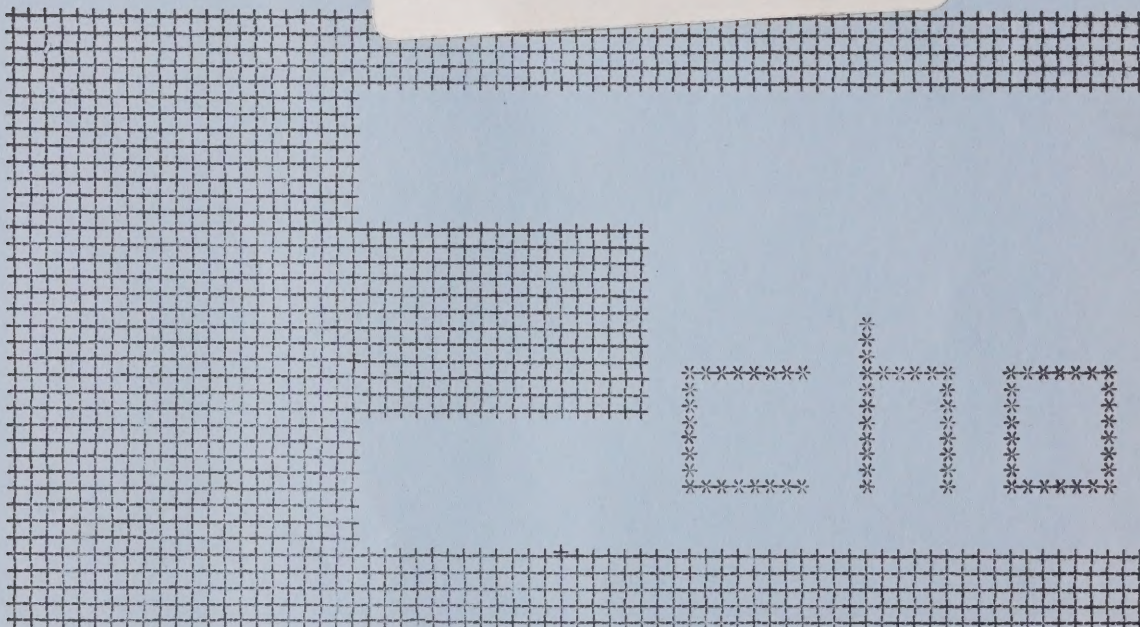
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